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TUNNEL SAFETY.

Commissioners Will Take Up the Duty
of Providing for It.

A Two Days' Session of the
Board Opened at Albany.

Experts to Testify as to the Utility

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

ALBANY, May 18.—The Railroad Commissioners began a two days' session to-day for the consideration of plans for lighting and ventilating tunnels in accordance with the provisions of the bill which received the Governor's signature last week.

The question of properly lighting and ventilating tunnels is regarded by the Commissioners as a great deal of a poser.

The Commissioners claim to have expended much work experimenting with every conceivable kind of light, from the modest kerosene to the magnificent calcium, and before these experiments conclude they are expected to furnish the Commissioners with testimony enough con-

cerning their various illuminating devices, start a library.

For electric lamps, such as the ones used in the Hoosac Tunnel, won't be at all safe, the Commissioners claim, saying that they are too fairly well in a tunnel where there are on two trains an hour, but where there are three trains an hour they will not fill the bill.

The great objection to them is that the rays cannot penetrate the perpetual fog, steam and smoke that fills the tunnel.

To-day's session has been devoted entirely to preparation, and to-morrow's will probably be taken up entirely with the reports of the experts. It is intended to give a public hearing to the various companies, but the decision has not been fixed for it is not yet announced until the close of to-morrow's session.

Commissioner Rickard, when asked by The

World's correspondent regarding his plans for lighting and ventilating the tunnel, particularly the Fourth Avenue passage, said he had formulated no plan as yet and could not say whether he understood fully on the subject until he had heard the reports of the experts.

"The most important thing seems to me," he said, "is to get the lamp that will best concentrate its rays upon the track in such a way as not to disconcert the engineers, and at the same time be sufficiently powerful to penetrate the clouds of steam and smoke."

"Ordinary sixteen-candle power incandescent electric lamps have been tried in the Fourth Avenue Tunnel in New York City, but they had to be taken out. They did not meet the requirements at all, but, on the contrary, were a source of annoyance to the engineers."

"The railroad companies' problem is to get a very bright light, particularly in the

of the men who had to drive engines through the tunnel. Their tendency, the men claimed, was to confuse them.

"Now it will be necessary to avoid these feelings of these incandescent lamps and to locate something that will light the track as the men move headlight to do. Just what will be decided upon, of course, I can't say. The experts will have to report, and then a public hearing will probably be given."

Upon being asked about the lighting of the Hoosac Tunnel by incandescent electric lamps, Commissioner Rickard said:

"I know that Hoosac Tunnel is lighted electrically after a fashion, but then that tunnel cannot be compared to the Fortia avenue."

"There is, I believe, no time when travel is run through the Hoosac Tunnel on but less than half hour's headway, while at certain

"There are a great many things to be considered in this matter, and I think every family should be given to all parties interested to be heard before any action is taken."

Amateur Baseball Notes.

The Spotter Juniors defeated the Cyclones by score of 2 to 2.

The Hackensack Outing Club have Memorial Cup open. J. J. Hackett, manager.

The Jersey Juniors, players under fourteen years of age, will play at home Saturday afternoon. Address, William Salts, 103 Delancy street.

The Spotter Juniors, players under thirteen, will leave for their game at home Sunday afternoon. Address, J. J. Hackett, 103 Delancy street.

The Mystic Juniors, of West Fifth street, played against the Spotter Juniors last night. Address, J. J. Hackett, 103 Delancy street.

Neptune Baseball Club, amateur news of play between eighteen and twenty. Address, Thomas J. Pickett, 100 West 12th street.

Brooklyn amateur club would like to hear from a pitcher about nineteen. Address, Thomas J. Pickett, 100 West 12th street.

A good line paying Sunday games would like to have from one good a round player and one good pitcher. Address, J. J. Dimond, 725 East One Hundred Forty-fourth street, would like to join a new team.

Young man would like to join first-class club. Will play for salary and expenses. Will be in New York City in the fall.

The young Manhattan players are between the ages of twenty and twenty-five. Address, Charles J. Pickett, 100 West 12th street, city.

Three good all-around players, about seventeen years of age, are wanted for a team. Address, J. J. Dimond, 725 East One Hundred Forty-fourth street, city.

The Northern Stars, play twelve challenges for the year. Address, J. J. Dimond, 725 East One Hundred Forty-fourth street, city.

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